**Begging on Delhi roads**

1710. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether begging in Delhi, particularly at the road crossing and moving buses continues unchecked, thereby increasing the chances of road accidents in the national capital;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of beggars apprehended during 2005 and so far during 2006 and those sent to beggar homes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Regular anti-begging drives are being carried out from time to time by Delhi Police and the Department of Social Welfare, Government of NCT of Delhi. Last such drive was held from 3rd to 10th February, 2006. No accident due to begging at intersections or in moving buses has been reported during the year 2005 and 2006 (up to February).

(c) The information is given below:

| Year | Number of beggars apprehended | Number of beggars sent to beggars home |
|---|---|---|
| 2005 | 1035 | 500 88 |
| 2006 (till February | 271 | |

**Smuggling from neighbouring countries**

1711. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge amount of smuggling of equipments from the neighbouring countries especially, Nepal is continuing unabated in connivance with the police authorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how does Government propose to check this dangerous trend which is posing a challenge to the economy of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) There are no reports of any huge smuggling of equipments from the neighbouring countries. However items like cameras, toys, batteries, garments, shoes and crockery etc are being smuggled into India. Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) has been deployed as a Border Guarding Force on India-Nepal and India-Bhutan borders to check smuggling and anti-national activities.

**Harassment of tribal woman in Madhya Pradesh**

1712. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum was submitted on February, 2006 regarding the harassment of tribal woman in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details and action taken on the above incident; and

(c) the number of cases registered against harassment and sexual harassment of women including tribal women for the last three years, year-wise, category-wise State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) Govt. received in February, 2006 a memorandum from All India Democratic Women's Association, regarding harassment of a tribal woman in Raisen Distt. of Madhya Pradesh. As per report received from Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, one tribal woman of Vill. Nigri, Distt. Raisen of Madhya Pradesh lodged a report in police station on 2.12.2005 naming two persons for alleged rape. A further report was lodged by her on 7.12.2005 to the effect that persons named by her in the gang rape case entered her house in the night along with three other persons dragged her to the courtyard and pressed her to change the statement made by her before police in the reported gang rape case. When she did not succumb to their presser, they manhandled, her, chopped her hand of and put her house on fire.

State Govt. has reported that Senior officers visited the site of incident and two cases No. 58/05 and 162/05 respectively were registered